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Sustainable development: follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Report of the Second Committee*

Rapporteur: Mr. Raymond **Landveld** (Suriname)

I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 19 (see A/66/440, para. 2). Action on sub-item (b) was taken at the 34th and 35th meetings, on 10 and 17 November 2011. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/66/SR.34 and 35).

II. Consideration of draft resolutions A/C.2/66/L.26 and A/C.2/66/L.51

2. At the 34th meeting, on 10 November, the representative of Argentina, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States" (A/C.2/66/L.26), which read:

> "*The General Assembly*,
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> "*Reaffirming* the Declaration of Barbados and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the Mauritius Declaration and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ('Johannesburg Plan of Implementation'),

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including chapter VII on the sustainable development of small island developing States,

"*Recalling* the outcome document of the High-level Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, its resolution 65/156 of 20 December 2010, in particular the fifteenth preambular paragraph and all its previous resolutions on the subject, as well as the report of the Secretary-General,

"1. *Notes* the issuance of the report of the Secretary-General on concrete recommendations to enhance the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, as requested in the outcome document of the High-level Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy;

"2. *Also notes* the issuance of the report of the Secretary-General on the review of United Nations system support to small island developing States;

"3. *Notes* the ongoing preparatory process of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 4 to 6 June 2012;

"4. *Stresses* the importance of the continuous substantive consideration of the further implementation of sustainable development of small island developing States;

"5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session, under the item entitled 'Sustainable development', the sub-item entitled 'Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States';

"6. *Also decides* to consider, at its sixty-seventh session, the reports of the Secretary-General."

3. At its 35th meeting, on 17 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States" (A/C.2/66/L.51), submitted by the Rapporteur of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.26.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.51 had no programme budget implications.

5. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.51 (see para. 8).

6. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (see A/C.2/66/SR.35).

7. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.51, draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.26 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

8. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Declaration of Barbados[1] and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[2] the Mauritius Declaration[3] and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[4] and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation"),[5] including chapter VII on the sustainable development of small island developing States,

Recalling the outcome document of the High-level Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[6] held on 24 and 25 September 2010, General Assembly resolution 65/156 of 20 December 2010 and all its other previous resolutions on the subject, as well as the report of the Secretary-General on the five-year review of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[7]

Acknowledging the importance of the upcoming United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

1. *Notes* the report of the Secretary-General on concrete recommendations to enhance the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[8] prepared in response

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[1] *Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

[2] Ibid., annex II.

[3] *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

[4] Ibid., annex II.

[5] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

[6] See resolution 65/2.

[7] A/65/115.

[8] A/66/278.

to the request contained in the outcome document of the High-level Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy;[6]

2. *Also notes* the report of the Secretary-General on the review of United Nations system support to small island developing States;[9]

3. *Notes* the ongoing preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012;

4. *Stresses* the importance of the continued substantive consideration of the follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;[4]

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session, under the item entitled "Sustainable development", the sub-item entitled "Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States";

6. *Also decides* to consider, at its sixty-seventh session, the reports of the Secretary-General on concrete recommendations to enhance the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States[8] and on the review of United Nations system support to small island developing States,[9] issued for the sixty-sixth session.

[9] A/66/218.

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Sustainable development: International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

Report of the Second Committee*

Rapporteur: Mr. Raymond **Landveld** (Suriname)

I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 19 (see A/66/440, para. 2). Action on sub-item (c) was taken at the 34th and 37th meetings, on 10 November and 1 December 2011. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/66/SR.34 and 37).

II. Consideration of draft resolutions A/C.2/66/L.27 and A/C.2/66/L.64

2. At the 34th meeting, on 10 November, the representative of Argentina, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "International Strategy for Disaster Reduction" (A/C.2/66/L.27), which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* its decision 57/547 of 20 December 2002 and its resolutions 44/236 of 22 December 1989, 49/22 A of 2 December 1994, 49/22 B of 20 December 1994, 53/185 of 15 December 1998, 54/219 of 22 December 1999, 56/195 of 21 December 2001, 57/256 of 20 December 2002, 58/214 and 58/215 of 23 December 2003, 59/231 and 59/233 of 22 December 2004, 60/195 and 60/196 of 22 December 2005, 61/198 and 61/200 of 20 December 2006, 62/192 of 19 December 2007, 63/216 and 63/217 of 19 December 2008,

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64/200 of 21 December 2009 and 65/157 of 20 December 2010, as well as Economic and Social Council resolutions 1999/63 of 30 July 1999 and 2001/35 of 26 July 2001, and taking into consideration its resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003 on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields,

"1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

"2. *Notes* the ongoing preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 4 to 6 June 2012;

"3. *Stresses* the importance of the continued substantive consideration of the issue of disaster risk reduction;

"4. *Recognizes* that the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, at its third session, was confirmed to be the main forum at the global level for policy guidance, coordination and partnership development in disaster risk reduction;

"5. *Takes note with appreciation* of the results of the midterm review of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015, and requests the secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction to facilitate a process leading to a post-Hyogo Framework for Action guidance framework;

"6. *Also takes note with appreciation* of the efforts made by the Secretary-General to strengthen the secretariat of the Strategy, including the extension to 2015 of the post of Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action;

"7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, through an inclusive, transparent and open process, to present proposals to strengthen the secretariat of the Strategy so that it is empowered and well positioned to discharge its cross-cutting mandate with efficiency and effectiveness across the United Nations system;

"8. *Welcomes* the offer made by the Government of Japan to host the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in 2015;

"9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session under the item entitled 'Sustainable development' the sub-item entitled 'International Strategy for Disaster Reduction';

"10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session a report on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction."

3. At its 37th meeting, on 1 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "International Strategy for Disaster Reduction" (A/C.2/66/L.64), submitted by the Rapporteur of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.27.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.64 had no programme budget implications.

5. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Mexico and facilitator of the draft resolution made a statement and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.64 by adding the words "for disaster risk reduction" at the end of operative paragraph 4.

6. Also at its 37th meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.64, as orally corrected (see para. 8).

7. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.64, draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.27 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

8. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision 57/547 of 20 December 2002 and its resolutions 44/236 of 22 December 1989, 49/22 A of 2 December 1994, 49/22 B of 20 December 1994, 53/185 of 15 December 1998, 54/219 of 22 December 1999, 56/195 of 21 December 2001, 57/256 of 20 December 2002, 58/214 and 58/215 of 23 December 2003, 59/231 and 59/233 of 22 December 2004, 60/195 and 60/196 of 22 December 2005, 61/198 and 61/200 of 20 December 2006, 62/192 of 19 December 2007, 63/216 and 63/217 of 19 December 2008, 64/200 of 21 December 2009 and 65/157 of 20 December 2010 as well as Economic and Social Council resolutions 1999/63 of 30 July 1999 and 2001/35 of 26 July 2001, and taking into consideration its resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003 on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields,

Acknowledging the importance of the forthcoming United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolutions 64/200 and 65/157;[1]

2. *Notes* the ongoing preparatory process of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012;

3. *Stresses* the importance of the continued substantive consideration of the issue of disaster risk reduction, and encourages Member States and the relevant United Nations bodies to take into consideration the important role of disaster risk reduction activities for, inter alia, the achievement of sustainable development;

4. *Recognizes* that the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction was confirmed at its third session, held in Geneva from 8 to 13 May 2011, as being the main forum at the global level for strategic advice coordination and partnership development for disaster risk reduction;

5. *Takes note with appreciation* of the results of the midterm review of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disaster,[2] calls upon Member States, United Nations funds and programmes and the specialized agencies, within their mandates, to accelerate the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action and requests the secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction to facilitate the development of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction;

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[1] A/66/301.

[2] A/CONF.206/6 and Corr.1, chap. I, resolution 2.

6. *Also takes note with appreciation* of the efforts made by the Secretary-General to strengthen the secretariat of the Strategy, including through the extension until 2015 of the post of Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, to look, in an inclusive, open and transparent manner, into other measures to ensure that the secretariat of the Strategy can discharge its cross-cutting mandate with efficiency and effectiveness;

8. *Welcomes* the offer made by the Government of Japan to host the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in 2015;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session, under the item entitled "Sustainable development", the sub-item entitled "International Strategy for Disaster Reduction";

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session a report on the implementation of the present resolution and to include therein an update on what progress has been made and what the opportunities are for making further progress in mainstreaming disaster risk reduction more effectively across the whole United Nations system.

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Sustainable development: protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind

Report of the Second Committee*

Rapporteur: Mr. Raymond **Landveld** (Suriname)

I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 19 (see A/66/440, para. 2). Action on sub-item (d) was taken at the 34th and 36th meetings, on 10 and 22 November 2011. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/66/SR.34 and 36).

II. Consideration of draft resolutions A/C.2/66/L.28 and A/C.2/66/L.58

2. At the 34th meeting, on 10 November, the representative of Argentina, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind" (A/C.2/66/L.28), which read:

> "*The General Assembly*,
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> "*Recalling* its resolutions 43/53 of 6 December 1988, 54/222 of 22 December 1999, 62/86 of 10 December 2007, 63/32 of 26 November 2008, 64/73 of 7 December 2009 and 65/159 of 20 December 2010 and other resolutions and decisions relating to the protection of the global climate for present and future generations of humankind,
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> "*Recalling also* the principles and provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol thereto,

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"*Recalling further* the United Nations Millennium Declaration, the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ('Johannesburg Plan of Implementation'), the 2005 World Summit Outcome, the outcome of the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and of the third session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, held in Bali, Indonesia, from 3 to 15 December 2007 and the outcomes of all previous sessions, the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the Mauritius Declaration and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the outcomes of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, adopted on 13 May 2011 in Istanbul, Turkey, and the road map for the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020,

"*Reaffirming* its commitment to the ultimate objective of the Convention, namely, to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that prevents dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system, and also reaffirming that such a level should be achieved within a time frame sufficient to allow ecosystems to adapt naturally to climate change, to ensure that food production is not threatened and to enable economic development to proceed in a sustainable manner,

"*Reaffirming also* the financial obligations of developed country parties and other developed parties included in annex II to the Convention under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol,

"1. *Takes note* of the outcome of the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and of the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, hosted by the Government of Mexico from 29 November to 10 December 2010;

"2. *Also takes note* of the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the United Nations Climate Change Conference, Cancun, Mexico, 2010, and its follow-up;

"3. *Notes* the ongoing preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 4 to 6 June 2012;

"4. *Underscores* the importance of an agreed, comprehensive and balanced outcome through the ongoing negotiations under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol;

"5. *Notes with appreciation* that the Government of South Africa will host the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol in Durban from 28 November to 9 December 2011;

"6. *Invites* the secretariat of the Convention to report, through the Secretary-General, to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session on the work of the Conference of the Parties;

"7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session, under the item entitled 'Sustainable development', the sub-item entitled 'Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind'."

3. At its 36th meeting, on 22 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind" (A/C.2/66/L.58), submitted by the Rapporteur of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.28.

4. At the same meeting, upon the proposal of the Chair, the Committee agreed to waive the relevant provision of rule 120 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and proceed to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.58.

5. Also at the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee read out a statement of programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.58.

6. Also at its 36th meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the United States of America (see A/C.2/66/SR.36).

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.58 (see para. 9).

8. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.58, draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.28 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

9. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 43/53 of 6 December 1988, 54/222 of 22 December 1999, 62/86 of 10 December 2007, 63/32 of 26 November 2008, 64/73 of 7 December 2009 and 65/159 of 21 December 2010 and other resolutions and decisions relating to the protection of the global climate for present and future generations of humankind,

Recalling also the principles and provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,[1]

Recalling further the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[2] the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development[3] and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation"),[4] the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[5] the outcome of the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and of the third session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, held in Bali, Indonesia, from 3 to 15 December 2007,[6] and the outcomes of all the sessions, the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[7] the Mauritius Declaration[8] and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[9] and the Istanbul Programme of Action adopted at the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,[10] held in May 2011 in Istanbul, Turkey,

Reaffirming its commitment to the ultimate objective of the Convention, namely, to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that

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[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

[2] See resolution 55/2.

[3] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[4] Ibid., resolution 2, annex.

[5] See resolution 60/1.

[6] FCCC/CP/2007/6/Add.1 and 2 and FCCC/KP/CMP/2007/9/Add.1 and 2.

[7] *Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[8] *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

[9] Ibid., annex II.

[10] *Report of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Istanbul, Turkey, 9-13 May 2011* (United Nations publication, Sales No. 11.II.A.1), chap. II.

prevents dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system, and also reaffirming that such a level should be achieved within a time frame sufficient to allow ecosystems to adapt naturally to climate change, to ensure that food production is not threatened and to enable economic development to proceed in a sustainable manner,

Reaffirming also the financial obligations of developed country parties and other developed parties included in annex II to the Convention under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol,

1. *Recalls* the outcome of the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and of the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, hosted in Cancun, Mexico, by the Government of Mexico from 29 November to 10 December 2010;[11]

2. *Recognizes* the need to build on the existing political momentum with a view to further advancing climate change negotiations;

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the United Nations Climate Change Conference and its follow-up;[12]

4. *Underlines* the importance of achieving an ambitious, substantive, holistic and balanced outcome through the ongoing negotiations at the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol;

5. *Notes with appreciation* that the Government of South Africa will host the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol in Durban from 28 November to 9 December 2011;

6. *Notes* the ongoing preparatory process of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012;

7. *Invites* the secretariat of the Convention to report, through the Secretary-General, to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session on the work of the Conference of the Parties;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make provisions for the sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and its subsidiary bodies in his proposal for the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session, under the item entitled "Sustainable development", the sub-item entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind".

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[11] FCCC/CP/2010/7/Add.1 and 2 and FCCC/KP/CMP/2010/12/Add.1 and 2.

[12] A/66/291, sect. I.

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Sustainable development: implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Report of the Second Committee*

Rapporteur: Mr. Raymond **Landveld** (Suriname)

I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 19 (see A/66/440, para. 2). Action on sub-item (e) was taken at the 34th and 37th meetings, on 10 November and 1 December 2011. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/66/SR.34 and 37).

II. Consideration of draft resolutions A/C.2/66/L.44 and A/C.2/66/L.60

2. At the 34th meeting, on 10 November, the representative of Argentina, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa" (A/C.2/66/L.44), which read:

> "*The General Assembly*,
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> "*Recalling* its resolutions 58/211 of 23 December 2003, 61/202 of 20 December 2006, 62/193 of 19 December 2007, 63/218 of 19 December 2008, 64/202 of 21 December 2009 and 65/160 of 20 December 2010 as well

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as other resolutions relating to the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa,

"*Concerned* about the negative economic impacts of desertification, land degradation and drought, and in this regard welcoming the organization in 2012 of the second United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification Scientific Conference, on the theme 'Economic assessment of desertification, sustainable land management and resilience of arid, semi-arid and dry subhumid areas',

"*Concerned also* about the increasing frequency and severity of dust storms and sandstorms affecting arid and semi-arid regions and their negative impact on the environment and the economy,

"*Noting* the need for enhanced cooperation among the secretariats of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Convention on Biological Diversity, at all levels, while respecting their individual mandates,

"*Underlining* the cross-sectoral nature of desertification, land degradation and drought mitigation, and in this regard inviting all relevant United Nations organizations to cooperate with the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in supporting an effective response to those challenges,

"*Expressing its deep appreciation* to the Government of the Republic of Korea for hosting the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention in Changwon City, Gyeongnam Province, from 10 to 21 October 2011,

"*Expressing its appreciation* to the Executive Secretary of the Convention for his efforts in ensuring the success of the high-level meeting of the sixty-sixth session of General Assembly on the theme 'Addressing desertification, land degradation and drought in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication', and taking note of the summary of the deliberations by the President of the General Assembly,

"1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 65/160 and the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;

"2. *Notes* the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the theme 'Addressing desertification, land degradation and drought in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication', which emphasized that the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification serves as a tool to, inter alia, achieve food security, poverty eradication and sustainable development and promote sustainable land use in drylands;

"3. *Expresses concern and solidarity* over the situation in the horn of Africa region, which has been hit by the worst drought in sixty years leading to starvation and loss of crops and livestock, clearly reflecting the severity of the problems of drought and desertification and the imperative for action;

"4. *Welcomes* the outcomes of the tenth session of the Conference of Parties to the Convention, and emphasizes the need to implement the decisions adopted at that Conference;

"5. *Also welcomes* the efforts by the parties to the Convention to find lasting solutions to the institutional and managerial challenges relating to the Global Mechanism of the Convention, as identified in various external assessments, including the report of the Joint Inspection Unit, which have impeded delivery of better services to the parties, through the decision of the Conference of the Parties on governance and institutional arrangements for the Global Mechanism;

"6. *Recommends* the strengthening of the advisory role of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and the Committee on Science and Technology, through their recommendations, in order to monitor effectively the decisions of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;

"7. *Stresses* the continuing need to strengthen the scientific basis of the Convention, and in this regard notes the decision of the Conference of the Parties at its tenth session to establish an ad hoc working group to discuss specific options for the provision of scientific advice;

"8. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility, in further enhancing resource allocation during future replenishments, to consider increasing allocations to the focal area of land degradation;

"9. *Stresses* that desertification, land degradation and drought continue to pose challenges to sustainable development, including food security in developing countries, particularly in Africa, and in this regard emphasizes the need for financial resources, technology transfer and capacity-building;

"10. *Underlines* the relevance of the core issues of the Convention to the objectives and themes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, and in this regard emphasizes the need to raise the profile of desertification, land degradation and drought in accordance with the mandate of the Convention among the priority issues to be addressed by the Conference on Sustainable Development during its preparatory process and in its outcomes;

"11. *Reaffirms* the continuation of the current institutional linkage and related administrative arrangements between the secretariat of the Convention and the United Nations Secretariat for a further five-year period, to be reviewed by both the General Assembly and the Conference of the Parties no later than 31 December 2017, as decided by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth session;

"12. *Decides* to include in the United Nations calendar of conferences and meetings for the biennium 2012-2013 the sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies envisaged for the biennium, and requests the Secretary-General to make provisions for the sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies in his proposal for the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013;

"13. *Also decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session, under the item entitled 'Sustainable development', the sub-item entitled 'Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa';

"14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session a report on the implementation of the present resolution."

3. At its 37th meeting, on 1 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa" (A/C.2/66/L.60) submitted by the Rapporteur on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.44.

4. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee read out a statement of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.60.

5. Also at the 37th meeting, the Rapporteur orally revised the draft resolution by replacing "2017" by "2016" in operative paragraph 12 (see A/C.2/66/SR.37).

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.60, as orally revised (see para. 8).

7. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.60, draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.44 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

8. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 58/211 of 23 December 2003, 61/202 of 20 December 2006, 62/193 of 19 December 2007, 63/218 of 19 December 2008, 64/202 of 21 December 2009 and 65/160 of 20 December 2010, as well as other resolutions relating to the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa,[1]

Concerned by the negative economic impacts of desertification, land degradation and drought, and in this regard welcoming the organization of the second United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification Scientific Conference, on the theme "Economic assessment of desertification, sustainable land management and resilience of arid, semi-arid and dry subhumid areas", to be held by March 2013 at the latest,

Concerned also by the increasing frequency and severity of dust storms and sandstorms affecting arid and semi-arid regions and their negative impact on the environment and the economy,

Noting the need for enhanced cooperation among the secretariats of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change[2] and the Convention on Biological Diversity,[3] while respecting their individual mandates,

Underlining the cross-sectoral nature of desertification, land degradation and drought mitigation, and in this regard inviting all relevant United Nations organizations to cooperate with the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in supporting an effective response to those challenges,

Expressing its deep appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Korea for hosting the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention in Changwon City from 10 to 21 October 2011,

Taking note of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on "Addressing desertification, land degradation and drought in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication", which emphasized that the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification serves as a tool for achieving, inter alia, food security, poverty eradication and sustainable development, for promoting sustainable land use in drylands, and for enhancing the scientific process so that

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[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1954, No. 33480.

[2] Ibid., vol. 1771, No. 30822.

[3] Ibid., vol. 1760, No. 30619.

desertification, land degradation and drought issues are better understood, and acknowledging the comprehensive work carried out by the focal point and the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in organizing that high-level meeting,

Acknowledging the importance of the upcoming United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 65/160 and on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;[4]

2. *Expresses deep concern* about the critical situation in the Horn of Africa region, which is experiencing one of the worst droughts in history, and underlines that this situation highlights the need for the effective implementation of the Convention and its ten-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008-2018), through short-, medium- and long-term measures;

3. *Welcomes* the outcomes of the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and emphasizes the need to implement the decisions adopted at that session;

4. *Also welcomes* the effort by the Conference of the Parties to find lasting solutions with respect to the governance and institutional arrangements of the Global Mechanism, as a follow-up to various external assessments undertaken, including the 2009 report of the Joint Inspection Unit,[5] with a view to better servicing the Conference of the Parties;

5. *Recommends* the strengthening of the advisory role of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and the Committee on Science and Technology, through their recommendations, in order to monitor effectively the decisions of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;

6. *Notes* the continuing need for strengthening the scientific basis of the Convention and the decision of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its tenth session[6] to establish an ad hoc working group, taking into consideration regional balance, to further discuss options for the provision of scientific advice focusing on desertification/land degradation and drought issues, taking into account the regional approach of the Convention;

7. *Also notes* the efforts under way for the development and implementation of scientifically based and sound methods for monitoring and assessing desertification;

8. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility, in further enhancing resource allocation during future replenishments, to consider increasing allocations to the land degradation focal area, depending on the availability of resources;

9. *Notes* the importance of the participation of civil society organizations and other stakeholders in the sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its

[4] See A/66/291, sect. II.

[5] See A/64/379.

[6] See ICCD/COP(10)/_/Add.1, decision _/COP.10.

subsidiary bodies in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties, as well as the involvement of these stakeholders in the implementation of the Convention and the ten-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention;

10. *Reaffirms its resolve* to support and strengthen the implementation of the Convention, with a view to addressing causes of desertification, land degradation and drought, as well as poverty resulting from land degradation, through, inter alia, the mobilization of adequate and predictable financial resources, the transfer of technology on mutually agreed terms and capacity-building;

11. *Notes* the ongoing preparatory process of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012;

12. *Reaffirms* the continuation of the current institutional linkage and related administrative arrangements between the Convention secretariat and the United Nations Secretariat for a further five-year period, to be reviewed by both the General Assembly and the Conference of the Parties to the Convention no later than 31 December 2016, as decided by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth session;[7]

13. *Decides* to include in the United Nations calendar of conferences and meetings for the biennium 2012-2013 the sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies envisaged for the biennium and requests the Secretary-General to make provisions for the sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies when submitting the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013;

14. *Also decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session, under the item entitled "Sustainable development", the sub-item entitled "Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa";

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

[7] Ibid., decision /COP.10.

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Sustainable development: Convention on Biological Diversity

Report of the Second Committee*

Rapporteur: Mr. Raymond **Landveld** (Suriname)

I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 19 (see A/66/440, para. 2). Action on sub-item (f) was taken at the 34th and 36th meetings, on 10 and 22 November 2011. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/66/SR.34 and 36).

II. Consideration of draft resolutions A/C.2/66/L.29 and A/C.2/66/L.55

2. At the 34th meeting, on 10 November, the representative of Argentina, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Convention on Biological Diversity" (A/C.2/66/L.29), which read:

> "*The General Assembly*,
>
> "*Recalling* its resolutions 64/203 of 27 December 2009 and 65/161 of 20 December 2010 and previous resolutions relating to the Convention on Biological Diversity,
>
> "1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the progress of work of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;
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> "2. *Notes* the ongoing preparatory process of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 4 to 6 June 2012

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"3. *Stresses* the importance of the continued substantive consideration of the issue of biological diversity;

"4. *Invites* the secretariat of the Convention to report, through the Secretary-General, to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session on the work of the Conference of the Parties;

"5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session, under the item entitled 'Sustainable development', the sub-item entitled 'Convention on Biological Diversity'."

3. At its 36th meeting, on 22 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Convention on Biological Diversity" (A/C.2/66/L.55), submitted by the Rapporteur of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.29.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.55 had no programme budget implications.

5. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.55 (see para. 7).

6. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.55, draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.29 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

7. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Convention on Biological Diversity

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 64/203 of 21 December 2009 and 65/161 of 20 December 2010 and previous resolutions relating to the Convention on Biological Diversity,[1]

Acknowledging the importance of the upcoming United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the progress of work of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;[2]

2. *Notes* the ongoing preparatory process of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012;

3. *Stresses* the importance of the continued substantive consideration of the issue of biological diversity;

4. *Notes with appreciation* the offer of the Government of India to host the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, to be held from 8 to 19 October 2012, and the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, to be held from 1 to 5 October 2012;

5. *Invites* the secretariat of the Convention to report, through the Secretary-General, to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session on the work of the Conference of the Parties;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session, under the item entitled "Sustainable development", the sub-item entitled "Convention on Biological Diversity".

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

[2] See A/66/291, chap. III.

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Sustainable development: report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-sixth session

Report of the Second Committee*

Rapporteur: Mr. Raymond **Landveld** (Suriname)

I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 19 (see A/66/440, para. 2). Action on sub-item (g) was taken at the 34th and 36th meetings, on 10 and 22 November 2011. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/66/SR.34 and 36).

II. Consideration of draft resolutions A/C.2/66/L.45 and A/C.2/66/L.57

2. At the 34th meeting, on 10 November, the representative of Argentina, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-sixth session" (A/C.2/66/L.45), which read:

> "*The General Assembly*,
>
> "*Recalling* its resolutions 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, 53/242 of 28 July 1999, 55/200 of 20 December 2000, 57/251 of 20 December 2002, 64/204 of 21 December 2009, 65/162 of 20 December 2010 and other previous resolutions relating to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum of the United Nations Environment Programme,

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"*Reaffirming* the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, Agenda 21 and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ('Johannesburg Plan of Implementation'),

"*Recalling* the 2005 World Summit Outcome,

"*Recalling also* the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building,

"*Reaffirming* its commitment to strengthening the role of the United Nations Environment Programme, as set out in the Nairobi Declaration on the Role and Mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme of 7 February 1997 and in the Nusa Dua Declaration of 26 February 2010,

"*Noting* the ongoing preparatory process of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012,

"*Stressing* the importance of the continued substantive consideration of this issue,

"1. *Takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-sixth session and the decisions contained therein;

"2. *Recognizes* that 2012 marks the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations Environment Programme;

"3. *Reiterates* the continuing need for the United Nations Environment Programme to conduct up-to-date, comprehensive, scientifically credible and policy-relevant global environment assessments, in close consultation with Member States, in order to support decision-making processes at all levels, and in this regard notes that the fifth report in the Global Environment Outlook series and its related summary for policymakers is currently under development, and stresses the need to enhance the policy relevance of the Outlook by, inter alia, identifying policy options to speed up the achievement of the internationally agreed goals and to inform global and regional processes and meetings where progress towards the agreed goals will be discussed, including the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development;

"4. *Welcomes* the decision of the Governing Council to approve the programme of work for the biennium 2012-2013;

"5. *Reiterates* the need for stable, adequate and predictable financial resources for the United Nations Environment Programme, and, in accordance with resolution 2997 (XXVII), underlines the need to consider the adequate reflection of all the administrative and management costs of the Programme in the context of the United Nations regular budget;

"6. *Also reiterates* the importance of the Nairobi headquarters location of the United Nations Environment Programme, and requests the Secretary-General to keep the resource needs of the Programme and the United Nations Office at Nairobi under review so as to permit the delivery, in an effective manner, of necessary services to the Programme and to the other United Nations organs and organizations in Nairobi;

"7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session, under the item entitled 'Sustainable development', a sub-item entitled 'Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twelfth special session'."

3. At its 36th meeting, on 22 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-sixth session" (A/C.2/66/L.57), submitted by the Rapporteur of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.45.

4. At the same meeting, upon the proposal of the Chair, the Committee agreed to waive the relevant provision of rule 120 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and proceed to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.57.

5. Also at the same meeting, the Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.57 had no programme budget implications.

6. Also at its 36th meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.57 (see para. 8).

7. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.57, draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.45 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

8. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-sixth session

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, 53/242 of 28 July 1999, 55/200 of 20 December 2000, 57/251 of December 2002, 64/204 of 21 December 2009, 65/162 of 20 December 2010 and other previous resolutions relating to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum of the United Nations Environment Programme,

Taking into account Agenda 21[1] and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation"),[2]

Reaffirming the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development[3] and its principles,

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[4]

Recalling also the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building,[5]

Reaffirming its commitment to strengthening the role of the United Nations Environment Programme as set out in the Nairobi Declaration on the Role and Mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme of 7 February 1997[6] and in the Nusa Dua Declaration of 26 February 2010,[7]

Acknowledging the importance of the upcoming United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

Noting that 2012 marks the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations Environment Programme,

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[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex II.

[2] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

[3] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex I.

[4] See resolution 60/1.

[5] UNEP/GC.23/6/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex.

[6] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/52/25), annex, decision 19/1, annex.

[7] Ibid., *Sixty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/65/25), annex I, decision SS.XI/9.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-sixth session[8] and the decisions contained therein;[9]

2. *Notes* the ongoing preparatory process of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012;

3. *Stresses* the importance of the continued substantive consideration of the work of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;

4. *Reiterates* the continuing need for the United Nations Environment Programme to conduct up-to-date, comprehensive, scientifically credible and policy-relevant global environment assessments, in close consultation with Member States, in order to support decision-making processes at all levels, and in this regard notes that the fifth report in the Global Environment Outlook series and its related summary for policymakers is currently under development, and stresses the need to enhance the policy relevance of the Outlook by, inter alia, identifying policy options to speed up the achievement of the internationally agreed goals and to inform global and regional processes and meetings where progress towards the agreed goals will be discussed, including the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development;

5. *Welcomes* the approval of the programme of work and the budget for the period 2012-2013;

6. *Reiterates* the need for stable, adequate and predictable financial resources for the United Nations Environment Programme, and, in accordance with resolution 2997 (XXVII), underlines the need to consider the adequate reflection of all the administrative and management costs of the Programme in the context of the United Nations regular budget;

7. *Takes note* of United Nations Environment Programme Governing Council decision 26/1 of 24 February 2011 on international environmental governance,[9] and of the Nairobi-Helsinki Outcome;[10]

8. *Reiterates* the importance of the Nairobi headquarters location of the United Nations Environment Programme, and requests the Secretary-General to keep the resource needs of the Programme and the United Nations Office at Nairobi under review so as to permit the delivery, in an effective manner, of necessary services to the Programme and to the other United Nations organs and organizations in Nairobi;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session, under the item entitled "Sustainable development", a sub-item entitled "Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twelfth special session".

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[8] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/66/25).

[9] Ibid., annex.

[10] UNEP/GC.26/18, annex.